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*Esmond Hotel*  
COR. FRONT AND MORRISON STS.

Thomas Guinean, Proprietor. Portland, Oregon, July 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Lavinia - We arrived here  
last Sunday I leave in half  
an hour for Tacoma. Thence  
we may go to Victoria. We want  
to go along the lines of ordinary  
travel & with the advantage  
of knowledge gained of roads  
to the wilderness, choose  
our grounds for future work.

Very hot - am so nervous can  
hardly write - lots of ague here  
& am glad to get away  
though have seen Portland  
thoroughly & have had good  
time generally. Only Keith has  
been sick two days & saw a  
doctor yesterday - is now  
better. I tried to get a party  
from here to climb Mt Hood  
but could get nobody ready  
Keith also being sick or sickish  
& I the weakest of the lot the  
only one ready. I wanted

The view from so far a central point are the smoke set in the sky on acct of the late storms is very clear. From the heights about the city Mt Hood Adams Helen's + Ramier are grandly seen though the nearest is nearly 30 ms away - only the summit of Ramier is seen. Mr Thielsen engineer of the N Pacific was to have gone to Hood with us. May try to climb it later if digestion permits - feel pretty well now. Miss Norton was here I sent up my card but failed to see her.

Hope you are all well. You also must have hot weather don't take the babies over to the pond until it is perfectly dry & covered with soil. I feel the importance of this all the more as I am being driven away from here by Malaria - with a real or fancied trace of it in the form of headache & stupidity. At the sound the air will be good. Everybody admires the children's pictures. This must be a very dull letter but it carries love to you all. M.